GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Unlicensed Seed Companies
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of unlicensed seed companies which are selling various varieties of unbranded seeds at very low price to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government against these seed firms/industries/companies which are running without licence; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to supply the quality seeds to the farmers at reasonable prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): No, Madam. As per the information received from State Governments, there are no reports of sale of seeds at very low prices to farmers by unlicensed seed companies.

(d): As per the information received from the State Governments, the provisions of the Seeds Act, 1966 and Seed (Control) Order 1983 are strictly adhered to ensure the availability of quality seeds to farmers through Government, Semi-Government and other private seed dealers. Crop wise seed samples are being drawn and sent for analysis during both Kharif and Rabi seasons. Analysis is taken up in notified seed testing labs and legal action is being taken in cases where sub-standard seeds are found in stock of dealers. Some of the States have constituted special squads for surprise checks and inspections of seed dealers premises & seed processing units etc. Besides, Central and State Government provides production and distribution subsidy on certified seeds to the farmers to make available seeds at reasonable price under Seed Village, Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oilpalm (NMOOP) Schemes and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana of Government of India.

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